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In Europe, America and elsewhere religious thought is returning hopefully to the Bible. The Bible has ever proven its authority when men have turned to it in times of crisis or calamity. It does not yield its deepest secrets when approached in a faithless or negative attitude. But when men reverently and lovingly turn to it as the Word of God, or to discover honestly if it be the Word of God, the search is rewarding and deeply satisfying.

It was belief in the authority of the Bible which gave rise to the Reformation principle of universal education. This principle was brought to the new world by our founding fathers. Why, then, should Christian education desert the very attitude which gave rise to the American system of public education?—From ABIDING VALUES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION by Harold C. Mason (Fleming H. Revell Company).



Christian faith is a grand cathedral with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory, nor can imagine any. But standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.—Nathaniel Hawthorne.

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COVER PICTURE—Philip Gendreau, N. Y.

Song of Solomon 2: 11-13, "For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell . . ."

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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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The Minister

By SAM W. EDMUNDS, Pastor, Chicago (Summit), Illinois

THE MINISTER OF the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ has long and too often been the object of criticism and sarcasm. This should not be, as the ministry is not a man but is an office ordained of God. Granted that some men who fill the office of the ministry do not enhance it by their lives. In word or in deed, the minister should never be the object of rebuke, slander, or accusations.

The dignity of the priests of the Mosaic Law with all of the splendor and finery, of their long robes with bells tinkling about their ankles must be silent, and must step aside in the light of the man of the ministry of the gospel of Christ. The minister has one, and only one, calling from God and that is preaching the gospel to all men. He is not to excel in church-building programs, in the making of doughnuts, nor in the political affairs of various cities and communities where he abides. He should have no side lines, no trade, no profession or occupation upon which he can fall in case he fails to "make the grade" as a minister. The hub of all his endeavors is to propagate the gospel.

There is no falling out of the ministry. The man who receives his call does not receive it from man or an organization of men, neither does he enter the ministry as a profession nor because he is a failure at everything else. The minister receives his call from God and the call is irrevocable. Paul of old said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." When a man is called to fill the office of the ministry, he has been chosen to fill an office far greater than any other office upon the face of the earth. All other offices deal with temporal things, but this man is to deal with things eternal, the spiritual. God knew man's abilities better than he knew his own qualifications. If it were left to other men to choose a man for the ministry, many of those called by God would not have been called, and some man would be chosen who would not please God. The man who enters the ministry must meet the qualifications while he is still a layman. The laity is the place to prepare for the office of the ministry. Too often men have tried to take a disgruntled member and elevate him to the ministry with the hope that such a promotion will help him. What a reproach to the other ministers! What an injustice to the man himself!

The ministry has a direct relation to all men; the office stands between man and God. The minister is priest and prophet; he brings God's message of deliverance through God's Son to a lost and dying world. He brings God's message of a more perfect way to those who have taken upon themselves the yoke of Christ. He takes man's every need to the throne of grace, to intercede there in behalf of the sick bodies, the despondent souls, and the troubled minds of his congregation. The souls that he oversees are not his own, but he is only a shepherd tending the sheep of the Great Shepherd. He is not a hireling. There is not enough money in the world to hire one of these ministers to expound or "show his wares" just for what he can get out of it. He does not lead the sheep into

various pastures solely for personal gain or for reasons of malice or grudge.

THE MINISTER WHO occupies the office does not become egotistic because of his place of calling; rather he is like the head of wheat, the more grain it contains the lower it bows its head. The minister is not merely a preacher, but he is what the title implies—A MINISTER. Jesus taught the beauty of servitude and gave the minister an example of how to be subject one to another, when He washed the disciples' feet.

The minister proves himself a minister of God by his holy living. There are many things which may not be sinful in themselves, but because of his office the minister must sanctify himself of these things that his office may not be spoken of in an evil manner. He must continually study and learn how to apply that which he learns that he may better impart the spiritual things to those to whom he ministers.

He must exercise longsuffering not only to his own household but also to the people with whom he meets week after week. He bears long with those who continually stumble and those who are slow to grasp the will of God, and he is not hasty in "culling" them from the rest of the flock. To the weak members he imparts strength with gentleness. To those who come to him in times of despondency with their troubles and seek for solace, he has only kind words to say. To those who are wrong and have offended some of the flock, he speaks with kindness and affection.

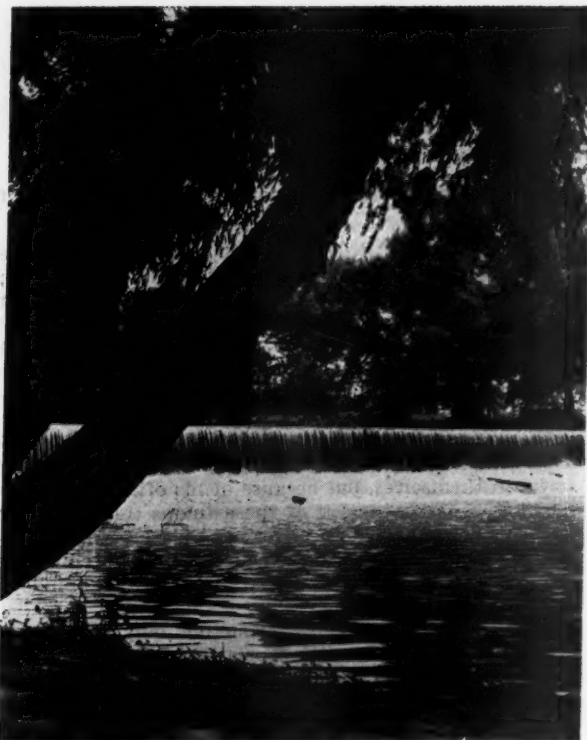
The Holy Ghost is a continually abiding influence within him. In times when the Adversary would embarrass him, the Holy Spirit rises to his defense because the minister has lived continually in the Spirit. When the congregation needs prayer, they have the assurance that they can call upon this man to intercede in their behalf because the Holy Ghost abides with him, and He is ready to witness his ministry with "signs and wonders."

The minister shows to the world his unfeigned love by his willingness to make sacrifices without quibbling. He does not look back to what he could have been, but rather to what he was before God reached down His hand to him. He does not seek his own; he prefers his brethren; He does not "parade his wares." His ministry is devoted to others without a thought of personal gain.

Such an office demands something from every living soul whether Christian or not. The world is better off by the example the minister sets in his daily life. He is due every consideration equal to or above any other man or group of men, not because of his talents or his various abilities, but because of the office he holds. He is due the same respect as a doctor, a statesman, a teacher, a technician or any other person that is revered. Anything less than this cheapens not the man but the office of the ministry.

The minister deserves every financial consideration that we give to any man who has prepared himself for

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Psalm 137:1-4, "*By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?*"

THE LESSON TEXT GIVES an introductory view of the children of Israel in a crucial moment. Their most prized and treasured possessions and ideals have been brutally torn from their grasp. They are forced to dwell in a strange country dominated by a warlike people. The Psalmist laments the loss of their homeland and religious rights. As the sons of Jacob are mocked by the captors, they are reminded of the splendor, joy, and peace they once had while worshiping Jehovah in spirit and in truth. Neither the harp nor the trained singers of psalms were heard at eventide. These circumstances are in direct contrast with those to which they have been accustomed. God's allowing the Assyrians to waste the work of His hands, seemingly, is indicative and significant because even though adverse developments are prevalent, He still is Master and Director of all that transpires.

The children of Israel were suffering for the sins which they had committed against God. They were paying dearly for their disobedience. When one considers their plight, he is made to ask the question, "How could this have been? A people such as this, who once had God's favor and protection, became slaves to the forces of evil?" We recall the words "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap," Galatians 6:7b. Yes, this one-time holy

HARPS IN

By JOEL IRVIN,

A Vital Message From

nation which basked under the smile of God's approval, her prophets aflame, having the power and presence of the Holy Ghost with them, was reaping her rewards.

God fought their battles for them, and slew their aggressing neighbors by the thousands. The ideal conditions they once enjoyed could have continued indefinitely had they obeyed God and retained the bonds of peace in the unity of the Spirit. God's Word is true. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "It is the words of a gentleman of the most strict honour."—David Livingstone.

GOD'S ATTRIBUTE OF unchangeableness, as from the beginning, was still in vogue; however, man's actions created situations which displeased God. In such instances God may take certain measures which to man are incomprehensible. I can hear the slandering and insulting remarks of the Assyrian overlords as they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." As far as the children of Israel were concerned, generally speaking, there were no more songs in Zion. Oh, what a pitiful plight!

Present-day followers of God should take warning from this vivid example and be alert, realizing the bitter consequences which accompany disloyalty to God and His commands. At the very moment that the individual allows himself to be made captive by the craft and forces of evil, he becomes an exile from Christ. This new and tragic position which he assumes of his own will automatically places him, figuratively speaking, in the cold, cruel, godless and foreign Babylon of the world's spirit. After the Devil has achieved his purpose, then the world of sin in a mocking sense will approach the fallen one saying, "Sing us a song of Zion or sing us the Lord's song." The poor backslider is in a strange land, exiled and annihilated from his native and beloved Zion. The Lord's song does not exist any more in his sin-sick heart, and one cannot sing the Lord's song from the heart when this condition prevails. Rather, in the heart are sorrow, tears, regret, and a longing for the former joys of being a child of God in his own native land where God had placed him.

Babylon was a strange land in the physical aspect as well as in its moral, social, and spiritual character. Wor-

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a Nostalgic Theme

ship of strange gods was a common practice in this land. Idols which instigated the prophet's scorn were ever present. Singing a song of Zion from the heart, when the spirit of Babylon suppressed, dictated, and dominated the child of God, would be a trying experience. The song did not emerge in such surroundings and environment.

The song of Zion and the world's spirit cannot coexist in the heart. Deep depression and loneliness are encouraged by being in a strange land. The people do not speak the same language; there is not the warmth and understanding which is found in one's home country. The poor wayfaring pilgrim searches endlessly for the privileges he once enjoyed as his memory effects the deep desire for the liberty he had as a child of Zion's King. However, this condition need not exist in the heart of the once joyful redeemed soul. The Lord has promised to restore any who will call upon His name with a penitent heart.

"The captives would have been able to sing if they had thought less of their own affairs. Their patriotism was self-centeredness; and that always makes people feel weak and miserable. It led these captives to neglect their duty. They were put in Babylon to witness for God to the Babylonians, and instead, they made themselves miserable and helpless by brooding over their miseries, so that when a song was asked for in honor of Jehovah, they could not sing. If they had thought about God, and less about themselves and about their country, they would have found the joy of serving even by 'singing the Lord's song in a strange land.'—*Pulpit Commentary*.

Lack of training was not a factor to be considered in their refusal to sing and play their harps for the Babylonians. Some of the most able musicians and singers were to be found among the children of the captivity. They were still God's chosen people. They could have produced music for God's glory while they were under His chastening hand. Who knows what miracles God might have performed in their behalf, if they had glorified Him to the best of their ability instead of becoming sullen and indignant? The spiritual element seems to be the predominant factor which promoted the attitude of non-cooperation. They were justified in a sense; it seems that fiery patriotism and the desire for revenge filled their hearts to such an extent that they were rendered songless.



There is a dire need for a particular type of Christianity in this modern Babylon in which the present-day Christian finds himself. We need staunch, courageous, intelligent, and understanding Christians who are willing to witness for God under all circumstances. I believe that we are able to make the statement that if a person has received God's fulness in the baptism with the Holy Ghost, he is a choice witness of God, especially equipped for witnessing.

As it is in the business world so it is in the Christian world in some respects. There is merchandise being sold on the market which is highly advertised, and in some cases, if it were given a thorough analysis it would not meet the standards and requirements of the law concerning its particular line of goods. This is found too often in our Christian realm. We have people posing as possessors of the baptism with the Spirit, who outwardly give a very convincing act, yet they lack the common Christian principles. This condition brings a great deal of unnecessary criticism and reproach upon God's high and holy cause. These would-be Christians in particular are like the Israelites who were willing to hang their harps on the willows and allow the listless motion of the changing winds to produce a doleful sound upon them. The harps should have produced soul-exalting melody that caused others to be elevated in spirit. The resonant vibrating air percussions, while producing a pleasant sensation upon other harpers, no doubt, tend to create a contagious element spreading to the hearts of millions.

WHEN THE GOLDEN strings of men's hearts are keyed to the pitch of heaven, the soft and tender

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Let's Play a Game

By LUCILLE WALKER

"Whatsoever things are true, . . . think on these,"
Philippians 4:8.

"Let's play a game!" I can just hear you responding. "My dear, don't you know that housewives don't have time to play games? We never get our work finished as it is." I still say that I want you to play a game with me. I call it a game because that word suggests relaxation, fun, and doing something by choice rather than because of duty. This game not only has all of the above values, but it will also actually help you to get your work done quicker than usual and with less fatigue.

Consciously or unconsciously your mind is occupied with something at all times. As you iron, sweep, cook, or sew it is occupied. What do you think about? Analyze your thoughts of yesterday and thus far today, as you have worked. Has your mind been occupied by financial problems, the morning news, plans for the evening meal, cares of the house and children, and the common cares of daily living? Or have you been singing a song, giving praise, meditating on God's Word, casting your burdens at His feet and taking your cares to Him? I fear that if we honestly examine our mental activity we will find that the cares of life occupy too large a

portion of our time. Now *what can we do about it?* That is our game.

Take a pencil and paper and list each hour of your day from the moment you rise until the time you expect to retire; put the paper and pencil on the table, the sink, the ironing board or in a conspicuous place near your work; at least once during each hour of the day turn your thoughts to God in praise, in prayer, in quoting some passage from the Bible, in singing a hymn, in reading the Bible, or in doing some kind Christian act for someone. For examples, you might call a sick friend, send over a bowl of hot soup, a bouquet of flowers, or you might even offer to run an errand for her.

Now go to your sheet and put a star by each hour in which you played the game. Try not to miss any hour. This tally is merely a mechanical device for helping you to remember and it will help you get the game so fixed in your daily schedule that it will become natural to you. You will find that you will be thinking of things that are pure, holy, true, kind, beautiful, and inspiring. You will think lovely thoughts not just once each hour, but your mind will become a treasure house—a happy place, a wonderful companion. When a problem faces you, instead of letting it depress you and disturb your peace of mind you will say, "Problem, I won't let you worry me. I am going to make you a part of my game. I am going to put you into a prayer and lay you down at the cross and walk away singing." If your neighbor is unkind and unpleasant, you will say, "I am going to make you a part of my game by doing something very nice for you."

When playing this game we can all be winners. One of the best rewards of the game is finding that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts will be acceptable unto the Lord, and we will fulfill the beautiful text printed above.



Alexander Woolcott had a remarkable perspective towards his limitations and a refreshing humor about them. When he was in college, his fraternity brothers told him his physical grossness would hurt their chances of pledging good men during the rushing season and that he should keep out of sight. Far from being affronted by such bluntness or withdrawing in silent hurt to lick his wounds, Mr. Woolcott exploited his handicap. He dressed with outrageous lack of taste, perched his massive bulk on the porch of a rival fraternity house, and with a frightening leer invited all passing freshmen to come in and join. In high glee he told later that he almost succeeded in ruining the competing chapter.

His was a type perspective all of us need, which, regardless of how Woolcott may have acquired it, we can be sure is reached easiest and best in the presence of God.—From *FRIENDLY ENEMIES* by Robert R. Brown (Fleming H. Revell Company).



To work, to help, and to be helped, to learn sympathy through suffering, to learn faith by perplexity, to reach truth through wonder, behold!—this is what it means to prosper, this is what it is to live.—*Phillips Brooks*.

Man and missions

From the Foreign Mission Executive Secretary's Desk, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee—PAUL H. WALKER.

FORMER MAYOR ADDRESSES CONVENTION

By Fernand Delbeau,

Former Mayor of Petit Goave, Haiti

I sincerely thank Pastor Remus Arbouet for having given me the occasion to lift my voice this morning in this majestic temple. I will not be long, only a few brief minutes which will be employed to speak to you about Protestantism.

The Protestant Reformation has been one of the most outstanding events in the history of humanity since the birth of Christ. It came to liberate the human spirit from the shackles in which the Roman Church had it bound. It gave us liberty of conscience; that is, the right of each one to worship God in his own way. It has, above all, put an end to the action of Rome which had invented the most shameful means to increase its immense resources, neglecting its greatest mission, which consisted in preserving the Christian faith from all alterations.

From Germany where it was born, Protestantism spread to England, Scotland, the Scandinavian countries, the Low Countries, and France. Only Spain, one of Europe's most retarded countries, escaped its action, thanks to the famous Inquisition Tribunal, which caused millions of persons to perish—victims of their religious convictions.

Today Protestantism is extended over the whole world with 350 million Protestants against 400 million Catholics, without comment. The countries, brothers and sisters, which are the richest, the most advanced scientifically—the United States of America, England, North Germany, a part of Canada, Holland—are exactly those countries which refuse to recognize the pretended supremacy of the Bishop of Rome.

Our little country has not been left out of the beneficial influence of the reformed religion. It began to radiate here around 1880 with the families of Heraux, Senior,

Domond, Deschoux, Louis Joseph Janvier, St. Lucien Hector, and so forth. In our city it was established in 1889 by Chevalier Devieux, surveyor by profession, a native of Miragoane. In spite of the insults, the intrigue, and the slander which were heaped upon him by the priest and then the parishioners, the pioneer of Protestantism at Petit Goave was never discouraged. Recruits, more and more numerous, accepted the intimate life with Christ. When he passed away August 1, 1902, his work was carried on by his friend, the late Pierre Nicolas. Ah! What a beautiful example of a soldier of Christ was that old man of seventy years, going up hill and down dale endeavoring to inculcate in the knowledge of our peasants the teachings of the Holy Bible! He found a precious helper in the person of Evangelist Stephen Maitre, and when he rendered his beautiful soul to God December 7, 1944, at the age of eighty-eight, he had contributed to the enrichment of his church more than 3,000 members. Isn't it true, brothers and sisters, that the value of a leader of souls resides less in his knowledge than in the power of his convictions?

We will pass over the numerous accomplishments of the Methodist Church, the Church of God in Christ, the Wesleyan Methodist Church to arrive at those of your Church. The Church of God, whose work extends over three important departments—the West, the South, and the Artibonite—is divided into nine districts as follows: Port-au-Prince, Petion-Ville, Leongane, Gonaives, Anse-a-Veau, Anse-d'Hainault, Cayes, Jeremie, Petit Goave-Bainet. It began its work of evangelization here in Petit Goave in 1940. Already, after only fourteen years, it has established thirty centers and thirteen small stations scattered in the rural sections of Petit Goave, Grand Goave, and Bainet. It has created four Creole centers, fourteen schools, one of which is the important primary establishment of Petit Goave, which goes through grammar school. In order to combat yaws, this terrible malady which has made such ravages in the country, four clinics have been opened at Orangers, La Ferme, Duperra, and Bainet. From nothing in 1940, the Church of God, thanks to the activities and devotion without equal of the dynamic pastor, Remus Arbouet, last year numbered 8,500 believers, of which 1,500 are baptized members. Who does not remember the modest beginnings of this Church? Lodged at first in the little tin-roofed hall on Rigaud Street in front of St. Paul's, then in the hall of

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This picture shows the mission home being built for the Church of God in Guatemala.

For a long time, the purpose of the Missions Board has been to construct this home, but it seemed that it would never be accomplished. However, we are glad to see the interest that is being taken by the missionaries and the natives of Guatemala in this development. Quiche is about eight miles from Guatemala City, up in the mountain section. The road between Quiche and Guatemala City is very rugged and rough, but up in this section there are hundreds of people to be reached with the gospel. We are so glad that our Brother Thomas Pullin, who has

MISSION HOME BEING BUILT IN QUICHE, GUATEMALA

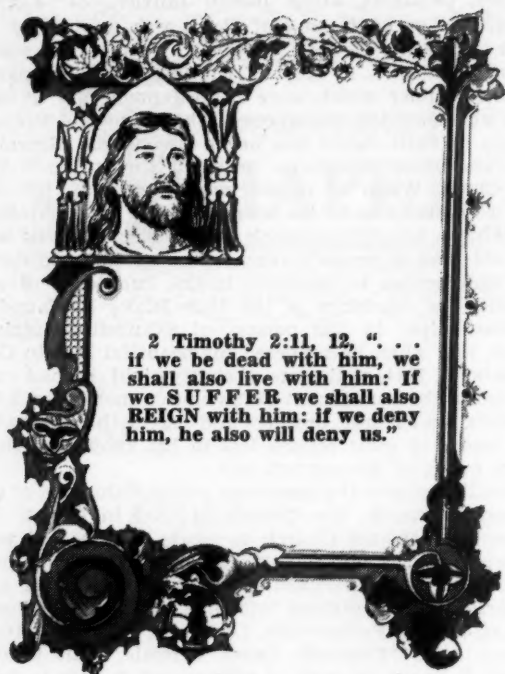


worked in this area for years, has to his credit many that have been saved

through the preaching of the gospel.

North Cleveland's Hadassah Class

Adjoining the foregoing construction work, within forty or fifty feet, a new church is being built. The foundations have already been poured, and it will be a memorial to the young ladies of the North Cleveland, Tennessee, Hadassah Sunday School Class. They have already sent in \$1,200 on this, and it is my opinion that the amount will reach at least \$2,000 before they consider it a job well done. May God bless the Hadassah Class as it works toward this memorial that will stand as a lighthouse for the salvation of the lost until Jesus comes.



2 Timothy 2:11, 12, "... if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we SUFFER we shall also REIGN with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us."

Suffering and Reigning

By C. E. FRENCH
Missionary to Peru

Life's greatest moments are sometimes found in our suffering with Christ.

SO SUFFER IS TO feel with a sense of pain. Suffering is physical or mental pain or distress.

Reigning is the exercising of supreme rule or authority; it is royal power, prevailing control or influence.

While you peruse the few familiar truths contained in this text, let us try to evaluate them in the light of the present and future. Let us consider Christ's life. Let us study the lives of Job and Lazarus, and a few others of the intervening centuries as examples of mortal man in suffering. Finally, we will consider our hope and God's promise to us for our faithfulness.

Christ is the Christian's perfect example of patience and faithfulness in suffering. We shall not be able to identify ourselves with Him in the power of resurrection unless we identify ourselves with Him in His sufferings and death. (Philippians 3:7-10.)

Our Saviour was born in the humblest of circumstances, in a stable. His conception was contrary to the laws of nature, and though it was God who broke through natural barriers and presented the world with the Redeemer, this very act probably brought much ridicule and many jeers from the people who knew Jesus only as a man. No miracle is so inexplicable as the birth, life and ministry, death, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Great Person owned no wheat fields, vineyards, or fisheries, and He maintained no bank account. Yet He was able to furnish the best of wine; He provided a full and satisfying meal of bread and fish for more than five thousand hungry, weary people, and He got His tax money from the mouth of a fish. (Apparently, the preachers of that day could pay their income tax with a single coin.)

For three years He preached and taught His gospel. During that time He wrote no books, but the greatest of them all makes Him its theme. He wrote no songs, but the sweetest hymns of all time exalt Him. He built no church buildings, but He organized the most potent and spiritual group of Christian workers the world has ever seen, and the teeming thousands of church spires and steeples throughout the whole world all speak out and bear witness to the *truth* that Christ lived and preached. He was, without doubt, humanity's greatest character.

From the crude manger to the rugged cross, He pursued a course that caused Him ridicule and cost Him untold suffering. He always preached against, and sincerely strove to avoid the very things for which He was condemned to die. He was called an impostor, an agitator, and a revolutionist. He was none of these, but He patiently and speechlessly listened to the charges of His enemies. Only a few could see more than natural things in Him. Only John could see in Him the fulfillment of the symbolic lambs of Abel and Moses. To most people He was just another man coming to take his place with the long eternity-bound throngs. The tint of His blood was like that of other men, but it was definitely more powerful in that it drenched Calvary's cross and sprinkled the order for man's emancipation. Now, vile hearts are made pure; filthy minds are made clean; murderers are restrained and thieves steal no more; drunkards stop their drinking and gamblers cease their gambling. All this, Friend, because God gave us Christ. Christ willingly gave His all, through much suffering, that He might bring us into that wonderful kingdom where we can *live* and *reign* with Him.

ALL CHRISTENDOM suffers with Him. We all have a cross to bear, not His cross, for He bore His own, but there is another cross for each of us, Matthew 16:24. "We are not truly Christians until we come under the influence of, and enter into, the true spirit of that cross," Simpson. Read what Peter has to say about suffering Christians in 1 Peter 2:19-21, "This is thankworthy if a man for conscience toward God endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye take it patiently? But if when ye do well and ye suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." 1 Peter 4:12-16 says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on his behalf." Now let us turn to hear a simple reminder from our Lord Jesus Christ, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you," John 15:18.

Lazarus, beggar though he was, was attended by the angels in his death. Lying at the rich man's gate with those awful, painful, gnawing, emaciating sores all over him, destitute of food and clothing, he kept his faith in Christ and held no ill feelings toward the man in the mansion who refused to help him. Patient in suffering, he remained faithful to the end. (Revelation 2:10.) Dives did not harm him; neither did he help him. Let it be remembered, Friend, that God not only condemns us for wrongdoing, but also for failure to do right. Is there a Lazarus at your gate? (1 John 3:17.)

It required only a few short lines to write the history of the man Lazarus. He went through life almost unknown. Some defect in his body rendered him incapable of earning a livelihood, so he had to beg. This pursuit in life meant suffering and hardship for Lazarus. It meant that he was cold and naked and hungry. Although he was defeated in life's ambitions, he was triumphant in death.

DOTH JOB FEAR GOD for nought?" That was the Devil's retort when God asked him if he had ever considered His servant Job. "Touch what he possesses and he will curse you to your face. Touch his flesh, and he will *deny* you with curses."

Let it be observed that all this talk went on during a worship service. God's sons had gone to present themselves before the Lord, and the Devil came also. The Accuser of God's people came, too! Evidently, he had asked that God show him a perfect man. "Is there a righteous man anywhere?" "Yes! Consider Job." But he was not God's only man. Abraham was not God's only man in his day, for he honored Melchizedek as greater than he. Elijah was not alone under the juniper tree, and God emphasized the fact that seven thousand men had not worshiped at Baal's shrines. When you are sure you are

right, stand up, and someone will stand with you. Have you ever been under the juniper tree? Has Satan ever challenged your integrity and character? Did he ever tell you it would be best to die? Then rejoice because of that hour, for God has classed you with Job, and Elijah and others of the faithful. The real test is on. What are your decisions when you see others digressing and neglecting? What do you do when you know that no one is going to find you out—*right or wrong*?

Much faster than it required Job to accumulate all his family possessions, they were snatched from him. Very few have gone through the awful experience of seeing children die, destruction by fire, and thieves taking all. Then to add mental agony to burning, aching sores, his wife advised him to curse God and die. He told her that he would see Him after death, but she scorned the idea and told him to *deny* Him. Job considered his state as God's perfect plan for him. "He gave, and he hath taken away." Realizing that the real Job could not be manifested until he had proved himself under fire, he decided to judge God fairly in the matter. "When I'm tried like as of fire, I shall come forth as gold." What a marvelous truth! Grapes must be crushed before the refreshing wine is offered to the guest. The beautiful flowers must be processed before their perfumes can permeate the air. Seeds must die before their fruit is brought forth and a harvest is gathered. The precious ores must be heated, and often repeatedly, before the gold and jewels are produced. I have been told that pure gold, when it is refined, will reflect the image of the smelter as clearly as a mirror. As surely as this is true of metals, it is as true that a Christian man's life will reflect Christ when he has undergone the proper heavenly tests.

Here, we have the real Job. He refused to charge God foolishly, and he retained his integrity. He offered praises to God who gives and takes away. Satan had said, "Doth Job fear God for nought?" In this God had proved His man. Job's was a love service, in the midst of darkness and trial, and unto the end. God was not making a show of the dross in Job's life; neither was He reforming him. Job had done nothing wrong; there was no need for that. It was all an exhibit of actual quality, for he got close enough to God to prophesy; he was called upon to pray for his friends, and he made the priest's sacrifice. People brought him pieces of money, and in the end he had twice as much as before his trials. His sons were great and his daughters the fairest in the land. Job lived one hundred and forty years after this faith-testing ordeal.

I have written briefly about Job's experiences and victory, and in this paragraph I should like to express my profound convictions regarding the Christians of our time. With yearning remonstrance, the Lord is calling upon His ministers and laity to follow Him into Gethsemane. He yearns for an unreserved consecration from each one. Some have cried out as Peter and offered to die with Christ, but what good is a dead man? He demands a living sacrifice and a reasonable service. (Romans 12:1, 2.) Blood and fire and flesh and ashes did not satisfy, so Christ came and dedicated a new and *living way*. (Hebrews 10:1-23.) In this, He asks that we offer our all and all that we have. The Devil lied concerning Brother Job, when he said, "Skin for skin, all that a man hath will he give for his life," and so forth. It was

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not so with Job, Isaiah, Daniel, the apostles, Paul, and many of our contemporaries. Paul once said, "I count not my life dear unto myself, that I might finish my course with joy."

PAUL WAS NO braggart. He simply took Christ for what He was and is. He had persecuted many people of this same faith, but when he received the *vision* and was smitten with blindness, it called forth from him a complete surrender. This complete-surrender experience enabled him to stand, even after he had done all to stand and felt unable to do so. (Ephesians 6:13, 14.) It brought him to the place where he was not easily moved by circumstances. He spent many days in imprisonment; he was shipwrecked, beaten, and starved; he was thirsty, naked, hungry, and cold; but none of these things moved him against God. When he could have found hiding from his taunting enemies among his friends and brethren, he expressed with deep emotion the will and desire of his heart and soul in Acts 21:13, "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Paul's was a life of varied experiences. It is true that he suffered much, and probably unjustly, but God gave him the earnest of his reward when He caught him up to the third heaven and showed him around. What a difference in being let down from a wall in a basket and being caught up to the highest heaven by the Spirit! What a difference in stoning a saint for his faith and then going boldly to the chopping block to give one's own life for the same *faith*! This is the result of that *complete-surrender* experience. Paul's blinded eyes were opened, and he found himself with a vision of the higher life. He set his affections on the things above and not on the things below. (Colossians 3:1-4.) His mind and heart were never turned from these heavenly vistas (Philippians 3:13, 14), and he lived and worked and strove for one eternal thing—a crown. (2 Timothy 4:6-8.)

Possibly you have read about the "Hall of Fame" which Congress established in Washington. Probably, as many others, you thought it a fine gesture on their part to remember the great ones of our country. Will the great reign with Christ and the poorer ones be left out? If that is your thought, turn to Hebrews 11 and stroll down the corridors of that heavenly place where the records of famous saints are given and see what faith has done. Ask yourself, Does it pay? Is it worth it? After convincing yourself that life doesn't consist in the things we possess in this earth, and that the *fullness* of the reward is yet to come, gird up your loins with *faith* and press on after Him who is invisible, for up there it will not be as it is down here. Here we see through a glass darkly, but then we shall know even as we also are known. Abraham will be there with Isaac and Jacob. The prophets will be there with the faithful women, and those who chose torture before accepting deliverance that they might obtain a better resurrection. There you will see those who were burned at the stake with the faithful Polycarp, a preacher in the early Church. There will be those who died in the depths of the sea, having been sewn in leather bags with snakes and lizards, and others who suffered the tortures of saws and knives and axes. There will be those who died at the frothing mouths of beasts and became objects of amusement for their persecutors. Of more recent days, you will see the Wesleys, John Bunyan, multitudes of faithful missionaries, the victims of cannibals

and cruel Catholicism, and thousands of the faithful who froze and starved in cold Siberia, when Russia sought to blot the Christians from its new social order. Oh, yes, the two men of this sermon will certainly be there, but you will not see them with emaciating sores and in garments of rags, but you will see them in the glittering white robes of immortality. There you will not expect the nightfall; you will sense no hatred or animosity; there will be no temptation, no heartaches, no graves, *no death*. All this will be at the end of the blood trail. I would not for a moment try to persuade you to follow Christ with the idea of a great reward without much cost to you. It costs all to follow Him, and unless we are willing to take up the cross and follow, we cannot be His disciples. If we are *faithful* in sufferings, we shall *reign* with Him, but if we deny Him, He also will deny us. Let us not cast our eyes about, but upward. He that calls us is faithful, and His last great promise in Revelation 2:10 is "Be thou *faithful* unto death and I will give thee a *crown of life*."



HARPS IN THE WILLOWS

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touch of the Master's fingers is the result. When the Holy Ghost has complete control of our hearts and the love of God is ruling and dominating our thoughts and actions, we are one of heaven's instruments employed for the purpose of revealing God to the sin-infested and benighted souls of men as they listen to the heavenly symphony.

There are many danger signals which should be detected and attended to immediately upon their appearance. One of the more notable signals is the attitude of being overly self-confident. There are many examples in the Old Testament, as well as in the New Testament, of the destructive forces which accompany this particular personal attitude. It seems evident that this element may have been partly the cause of the destruction which came upon Judea. Yes, there are many silent graves which, if they had the power to speak, could bear witness to this fact.

A traveler was once making his way along the historic Cumberland Road high upon the summit of the Allegheny Mountains when he saw a mountain grave beside the road in the shadow of the stately pines. Upon closely examining the wooden marker, he found the name "Major General Edward Braddock." Memories of this successful young general came to the traveler's mind as he pictured the long lines of red-coated regulars, blue-coated colonials, and the lumbering wagons as they passed down the precarious mountain highway and disappeared into the dense forest. The historic event which came so vividly to the traveler was the disastrous defeat which Braddock and Washington suffered at the hands of the Monongahela. Braddock, mortally wounded, had been carried along in retreat as far as this spot where he was buried. After his grave was filled, the artillery carriages and wagon trains were driven over it in order to protect his body from the profaning hands of the savages. Just before he died Braddock, reclining in the arms of Washington, looked up into the faces of his officers, then past them to the peaceful heavens and exclaimed, "Who would have thought it?"

Yes, who would have thought that this British General who had been successful and had won renown on the

battlefields of Europe would have been defeated by a handful of French and Indian allies in the midst of the colonial wilderness. Who would have thought it, is an expression we often hear ringing in our ears, not about military disasters, but also about crushing, overwhelming moral defeats suffered by a great number of souls—souls who underestimate the strength of the enemy and are not properly prepared to meet his ambushes.

We are better equipped to resist the onslaughts of the Devil when we do not depend upon our past victories to supply our present need. We must discard the reputation we have attained in the past, abolish forever the attitude of self-dependence, and seek God fervently for renewed strength and wisdom to cope with a devil who has had aeon upon aeon to prepare his strategy against the soul of man. Thus, the futility of the individual or church organization to depend upon their laurels, power in numbers, financial holdings, and secular intellect is evident when it comes to producing a real and lasting victory over the forces of darkness. The answer to the problems of evil which confront us is found only through prayer, deep consecration, fasting, and a persistent searching of God's Holy Word.

IGNORANCE WAS NOT A legitimate excuse for the humiliating condition of God's chosen as described by our text. They were well informed concerning the laws of God in their behalf. Not only was this true, but also they had the ever-diligent prophets to teach them the proper course to follow, and to warn them of the approaching danger. I like to think of the history of the children of Israel in the periods when they observed God's laws and statutes. They never lost a battle; the sword and the pestilence passed by their door; victory through the mighty delivering hand of Jehovah was the theme of every conversation. This glorious status need not have been changed. Disobedience and failure to keep the laws of God written upon their hearts, left individual and national chaos in its wake.

If we, who make up the population of the United States, will love, trust, and obey God, our lives will consist of one continuous series of victories through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who loved us and gave Himself for us. He made possible our souls' peace, salvation, and eternal life. Oh, how often we put our trust in things other than Christ and become a personality who possesses negative inclinations. May God help us to fully entrust Him with all—our being, our business, and every minute decision. With this attitude toward God and life we will never be guilty of depending upon the weak support of the willow for our idle harps' suspension. With the strength from God, we will hold our harps firmly in place. We will strum them with all our might, as with great anticipation we look for the soon coming and glorious appearing of our Champion, the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



THE MINISTER

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a calling of equal stature. He should not be burdened with worries of needed finance to care for his family and himself. His prosperity should not be questioned any more than one would question the prosperity of any other Christian. He should not be railed against; when speaking to him one should speak in tones befitting a holy office. In the courts of law the judge is addressed with dignity.

With how much more dignity should the minister, who deals with things that are not carnal, be honored! He should not be accused promiscuously. Although the minister holds a high office, still he is human and is subject to faults and passions. His many mistakes should not be enlarged upon; his faults and mistakes are of the head and not of the heart.

The minister is not to be traded off when he has been around for a while, as an automobile is traded. He is not a machine; he is a being able to learn the needs of his congregation, and he studies to know how to lead the people. He seeks the will of God for the betterment of the whole group and not for that which shall suit one individual. His counsel and instruction should be heard and obeyed as promptly as the instructions of a doctor who ministers to the physical needs.

Too often familiarity has bred contempt for the ministry, when the results should be the reverse. The ministry seeks the deep things of the souls of men and brings unto them the balm that will meet their needs. It is God's plan that the men who fill the office of the ministry shall have the sole responsibility of delivering the gospel message to the world. He did not choose angels or a manifestation of the elements to declare the story of deliverance. The ministry is God's order and must be recognized as holy by those who fill the office and by all men with whom the office comes in contact.



FORMER MAYOR ADDRESSES CONVENTION

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Gelin Auguste on Grand Street, it constructed in 1946 its first temple on Justice Street. For more than two years now it has been in this vast edifice which is scarcely sufficient to hold its many faithful members whose number grows day by day. Also, I can well believe what is being rumored—that Pastor Remus proposes to build another church and to reserve this one for a convention hall. Beside this, he has promised to establish a large dispensary at Petite Guinee under the able direction of one of our famous surgeons, Dr. Bauvoir.

These then, brothers and sisters, are the beneficial activities of Protestantism in Haiti. Behold how these people, who do not have large budgets, work, without making a great ado, towards the evangelization of our masses. Superstition, alcohol, gambling, prostitution are unknown in their ranks. I should call to your attention, also, the order in which the Protestants go to the polls during the elections and without any expense to those who solicit the popular vote. Also, without any exaggeration, I affirm that in comparison to the activities of the Protestant religions, the work of the Catholic clergy is, indeed, pallid, after ninety years of occupation. We hope that the Government of the Republic will persevere in its support and encouragement of Protestantism in our country, following in that the example of Presidents Salomon and Hyppolite.

And now, to terminate, because perhaps I have abused your attention too much, permit me to say thank you, a great big thank you to Pastor Remus Arbouet for the admirable work that he has achieved in our region. I must, this morning, announce to him publicly the testimony of admiration of all free spirits who do not practice intolerance. May the Lord, my dear pastor, take you in His holy care and always give you strength to render a more abundant harvest.

revivals

SNEADS, Fla.—Recently we had a revival in which 15 were saved, 13 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, 3 added to the Church, and 5 baptized in water. We also had many healed. One good man who is a member of the Church had been in bed for about five months but God healed him. He dances all over the place in the spirit. Our evangelists were Brother Willie Lyle from Selmer, Tennessee, and Brother T. E. Henderson, our district pastor from Bonifay, Florida. We thank God for what He is doing for us here.—J. J. Kittrell, Pastor.

RED BOILING SPRINGS, Tenn.—Recently we had a wonderful revival in which five were saved, one was sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, and two were added to the Church. We had some wonderful services, and Brother L. J. Potts, the evangelist, is a great preacher. Anyone wishing to contact him should write him at the following address: L. J. Potts, 315 Meridian Street, Nashville, Tennessee.—Leonard B. Brown, Pastor.

MIDDLEBURG, Fla.—We have recently had a five weeks' revival for which we praise God. Our evangelist was Brother Buddy Harris of Maxville, Florida. Night after night we witnessed the sweet Holy Ghost and men, women, and young people going to the altar. The sick were also prayed for and were healed. Seventeen were saved, 7 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 baptized in water, and 3 added to the Church. We are looking for others to come later. The revival fire is still burning and brothers and sisters are happy in the Lord. They all are working together with our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Cercey.—Mrs. Maggie Padgett, Clerk.

Telegram

BOGALUSA, La.—We are having a wonderful revival with Brother Robert White, our state youth director, as the evangelist. Over twenty people are praying through to glorious experiences at the altar. Ten have been filled with the Holy Ghost and six have been added to the Church which makes eleven new members since Brother Paul Horne came to pastor our church about two months ago. Our daily radio program is reaching hundreds of new people with the Church of God truth. On Easter Sunday, although there was a constant downpour of rain, we had 116 in Sunday School. God is really blessing us.—Edwin Welch, Clerk.

NORTH WILKESBORO, N. C.—We have recently had a wonderful revival with Sister Mavis Bridges as the evangelist and Sister Betty Dill as her co-worker. The Holy Ghost was real in our midst each night, and Sister Bridges brought some wonderful soul-stirring messages. Fourteen were saved, 2 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy

Ghost, and 2 added to the Church. We appreciate our good pastor, Brother J. S. Leonard, and his family for all the work they are doing here.—Amanda Anderson, Reporter.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Fla.—We began a revival the first Sunday in February which ran for six weeks with every service a glorious success. The congregations were good each night with the Spirit of God blessing the hearts of people and many praying through to old-time salvation. Our evangelists, Brother and Sister Winfred A. Petty, will long be remembered in the hearts of the good people of Sulphur Springs who attended the revival. Brother and Sister Petty are both great gospel preachers with a burden for lost people and a desire to see the great Holy Ghost move in the services. People came from neighboring towns and prayed through to the blessed Holy Ghost. Among those who prayed through was the eighty-seven-year-old father of Sister Y. E. McNear. This was a real miracle we feel. Three people above the age of sixty prayed through in one night. Twenty-two were saved, 18 sanctified, 28 filled with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water, and 4 added to the Church. We feel that others are coming yet.—A. J. Duncan, Pastor.

NEW CASTLE, Ind.—We praise God for the wonderful two and a half weeks' revival in which He met with us in a great way. Our evangelist, Brother A. W. Hall, from Rockfield, Kentucky, is a wonderful man of God. Ten were saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 1 was added to the Church. We also praise God for our pastor, Brother Raymond Hall, and his wonderful family. They are great workers for God. This revival meant very much to me because I received the Holy Ghost. I can never praise God enough for what He means to me.—Mrs. Rys Whittle.

FORREST CITY, Ark.—I praise God forever, for He is a good God. I read about the revivals in the *Evangel* each week, and I am really proud of what God is doing for people. I never see anything about Arkansas, but thank God He is working here too. We are in a revival now with Brother Amos Ledford as the evangelist. God meets with us every night and people are getting saved and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. Brother Ledford is a wonderful man of God, and we love him and his family very much. Brother Walter is our pastor, and we thank God for him and his family. I, also, thank God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. He is just as sweet now as He was the night I received Him. If anything, He grows sweeter each day.—Alma McGarity.

SAGINAW, Mich.—God is working in the Church of God at Saginaw, Michigan. We recently had the greatest revival we have ever had here with Brother A. H. Tribble as the evangelist. God blessed in every service and every department. During this revival we had the largest crowds in attendance that we have had since being here. Twenty-five were saved, 15 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 17 added to the Church. The revival was closed but it was not stopped. God has been saving, sanctifying, and filling souls with the Holy Ghost in almost every service. Eight were baptized in water and seven more added to the Church for which we give God thanks.—G. J. Chandler, Pastor.

BLYTHEVILLE, Ark.—We have recently had a good revival with Sister Butler as the evangelist. God surely did bless the saints. Four were saved and one received the Holy Ghost.—J. N. Patterson, Pastor.

LIPSCOMB, Ala.—We have recently had a wonderful revival which was conducted by Brother Carl Richard. He surely blessed our church with his wonderful preaching which was anointed by the power of God. On some nights the Holy Ghost would take over and people would run to the altar. More than 30 were saved, 22 were sanctified, 19 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 18 added to the Church. All of our hearts were blessed in a mighty way.—J. W. Bunn, Pastor.

BENTON HARBOR (Midway Drive), Mich.—Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Recently we had the greatest revival in the history of our church. Even though the revival was short, only five nights, every department of the church was blessed. Nine were saved, several sanctified, and 17 added to the Church. The church voted to begin a Sunday School building program since our present plant is not nearly large enough to accommodate our increase in attendance. Brother A. H. Tribble of Ravenna, Ohio, who was our evangelist, has certainly been a blessing to us, and I sincerely feel that he will be a blessing to any congregation.—Cecil E. Chapin, Pastor.

AUBURN, Wash.—We have recently had a three weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist Ruby Rhoden and her husband. God richly blessed in every service. Twenty-three were saved, 10 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water, some re-filled, and some reclaimed. The church was greatly blessed and it is on fire for God. The closing day of the revival was full of good things from God; old-time potluck lunch was served at noon, and the fellowship of God and the saints was enjoyed greatly. After Communion and feet washing in the afternoon, we went down to the river for a baptismal service.

The evening service was also full of good things from God. The attendance every night of the revival was excellent. Good singing—solos and duets—and musical numbers were enjoyed by all who attended. We have a number awaiting an opportunity to affiliate themselves with the Church. We thank God for those who stepped out in the Evangel drive—12 subscribers to the Evangel and 5 subscribers to The Lighted Pathway. If anyone desires a good old-fashioned revival and the saints are willing to pray and stand behind the evangelist, Brother and

Sister Rhoden will certainly get results from God provided that you want God to have His way. God has done much for us, and we are thankful to Him.—Hugh Mills, Pastor.

HARTWELL, Ga.—We have had a wonderful revival conducted by Brother Horace Bennett of Commerce. Fourteen were saved, 6 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the Church. We recommend Brother Bennett to any church who wishes a soul-saving revival. J. P. Delk, our pas-

tor, is doing a wonderful work with the church.—E. C. Hart.

CLAYSBURG, Pa.—We praise the Lord for a two weeks' revival with Brother and Sister Long from North East, Pennsylvania. The church was greatly blessed and uplifted by his ministry of the inspired Word. Also, their singing and playing of the piano and accordion was an inspiration to all. Three were saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and many saints were reconsecrated. We highly recommend Brother Long to other churches as a young evangelist who seeks God's will and preaches the Word as the Lord lays it on his heart. We thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Williams, who have been such a help and inspiration to the church. Both of them are talented in singing and playing. Pray that this good revival spirit will continue with everyone and that the Lord's will will be done in everything we do as we go forward to enlarge our borders.—Carl M. Walter, Clerk.

TIMBERVILLE, Va.—Recently we had a wonderful two weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist Dessie Mae McMahon who is a great worker for the Lord and the Church of God. Thirty-one were saved, 15 sanctified, 3 added to the church, and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost. The Sunday School increased by fourteen each Sunday. Also the Lord blessed with His healing power. Anyone desiring a wonderful evangelist may contact Sister McMahon at 2905 Wickham Avenue, Apartment 5, Newport News, Virginia.—Harrison Miller, Pastor.

CROSSVILLE, Tenn.—We truly thank and praise God for the glorious four weeks' revival we have just had. Sister Isabelle Petersen of Erwin, Tennessee, was our evangelist. She preached under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost and was a wonderful blessing to all. Several nights the power of God fell; the Holy Ghost took charge of the services, and there was no preaching. The church in general was blessed. Twenty-five were saved, 9 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the Church. Anyone desiring an evangelist who really will bless your church should contact Sister Petersen for a revival. We praise the Lord for sending her our way.

God is wonderfully blessing our church, and we appreciate our pastor, Brother J. T. Rhymer, and his good family. Brother Rhymer is a real man of God who believes in old-time salvation and the genuine power of God. He has done a wonderful work in winning souls and building a nice parsonage and church in Crossville. I know the Lord will reward him for his faithfulness to His Church. The attendance in our Sunday School and regular services is increasing for each service. We certainly thank the Lord for all He has done for us.—Mrs. Sue Stevens, Reporter.

CAMP MEETINGS 1955

STATE	DATE	PLACE
ALABAMA	July 4-10	Campground, Birmingham
ARIZONA	April 25-30	Phoenix
ARKANSAS	July 4-10	Bald Knob
CALIFORNIA-NEVADA	June 20-26	Tulare
COLORADO-UTAH	June 6-12	Methodist Campground, Palmer Lake, Colorado (H. L. Diffie, speaker)
DELAWARE-D.C.-MARYLAND	August 8-14	Campground, Hurlock, Maryland (Vep Ellis, speaker)
FLORIDA	June 14-23	Campground, Wimauma (Ray Hughes, speaker)
GEORGIA	July 4-10	Campground, Doraville
IDAHO	June 28-July 2	Baptist Youth Camp, Coeur d'Alene (Vep Ellis, speaker)
ILLINOIS	June 20-26	Campground, Benton
INDIANA	July 12-16	Austin
IOWA	August 2-7	Hickory Grove, Ottumwa
KANSAS	June 6-12	Cherryvale (L. H. Aultman, speaker)
KENTUCKY	June 13-18	Campground, Lexington
LOUISIANA	August 2-7	Monroe
MICHIGAN	July 18-23	Flint
MISSISSIPPI	June 14-19	Hattiesburg (Vep Ellis, speaker)
MISSOURI	July 18-23	Methodist Campground, Arcadia
MONTANA-WYOMING	July 11-16	Livingston, Montana
NEBRASKA	June 22-25	Omaha
NEW ENGLAND STATES	July 25-31	Appleton, Maine
NEW JERSEY	July 21-24	Pleasantville, N. J.
NEW MEXICO	Spanish July 7-10 August 2-6	New York City Carlsbad (C. R. Spain, speaker)
NEW YORK	July 11-17	Riverside Campground, Riparius
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TEXAS	June 3-10	Campground, Weatherford
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WEST VIRGINIA	July 18-23	Beckley (Earl P. Paulk, Sr., speaker)
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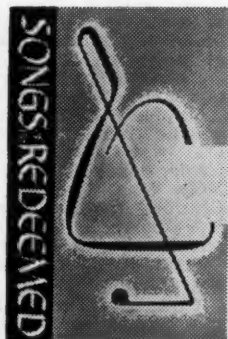
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EVANGELICALS WARNED ON NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH NEEDS

Because evangelicals are failing to take appropriate action today, they may not have their fair share of churches in new communities 50 years from now. This warning was sounded by George L. Ford, associate executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, at the 13th annual convention in Chicago.

Mr. Ford said he learned at a recent community planning institute in Kansas City that the National Council of Churches "is planning 15 years in advance right here in the Chicago area and, of course, desires complete control."

"I learned that the Catholic Church is planning 50 years in advance in buying property and projecting their work," he added.

"The National Council," he asserted, "is looking forward to the day when . . . the federated church will be the answer: where a super-church organization will negotiate with developers, purchase property, initiate worship services, and then hand it over to whatever group develops the predominance of the population."

"If we do not register our evangelical convictions," Mr. Ford said, "the opportunity for seeing that communities are supplied with evangelical churches will be even less in the future because . . . we have failed to function."

Aroused NAE executives recommended that their Commission on Home Missions be made into a Commission on Church Extension to give the association "its rightful voice regarding the place of worship in community planning."

PENTECOSTALS TO HOLD FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE

Twenty thousand persons are expected to attend special services on the Royal Tennis Lawn in Stockholm when the fourth World Conference of Pentecostal churches meets in the Swedish capital June 13-20.

The central theme of the conference will be "The Calling and Commission of the Pentecostal Movement—A Revaluation." The steering committee in charge of arrangements is composed of: Dr. J. Roswell Flower of The Assemblies of God in the U.S.A. (7,000 local congregations); Principal Donald Gee, of Kenley Bible College, Kenley, Surrey, England; Noel Perkin, Springfield, Missouri, Missionary Secretary of the Assemblies of God, U.S.A.; Dr. Lewi Pethrus, Stockholm,

Sweden; Leonard Steiner, of Basil, Switzerland, General Secretary of the Pentecostal Mission of Switzerland.

The famous Philadelphia Church of Stockholm, of which Dr. Lewi Pethrus is pastor, will be host to the conference. The edifice seats 4,000, with several smaller auditoriums and has 6,700 adult members. It is believed to be the largest Protestant church on continental Europe.

Some 600 official delegates from 32 nations attended the third World Conference in Westminster Central Hall, London, England, in June, 1952. The second Conference met in Paris in 1949, and the first Conference in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1947.

CHURCH AD PROGRAMS IN THE NEWS

Church advertising in daily and weekly newspapers and in national magazines across the country, once the almost exclusive monopoly of the Knights of Columbus, is now being sponsored by evangelicals. Most recent to enter this field was the National Association of Evangelicals. A similar plan will be presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets in Miami, May 18-21.

The NAE advertising released last March 1 is beginning to appear in periodicals. It is not written with any denominational slant. It is evangelical. It is based on Scripture. But no particular Protestant denomination is favored above the others. As far as possible, the ads have been written in the language of the "man on the street," not in theological terms.

The NAE ads form a series of 30 different mats, being made available free of charge to sponsoring groups, ten at a time. The first set of ten mats were released with the following suggestions: "In most cases the ads will be placed on a weekly basis, in Saturday papers. It is suggested, however, that the advertising will reach more non-Protestant readers if it is placed on some page of the paper other than the church page."

The Southern Baptist campaign, almost certain to be approved, was announced by Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the denomination's executive committee, who declared: "... the proposed program to advertise Baptist beliefs could ultimately reach more than half the buyers of daily newspapers in the United States."

The Baptist mats, prepared by adman Albert McClellan, will be provided to local Baptist churches. Two

series of 13 mats each will be made available each year, with the first to be released in October.

"Those who use these mats," claims McClellan, "will secure the attention of prospective members in a way that will make them come to the churches seeking more information."

Meanwhile, the Netherlands Reformed Church has reported its newspaper advertising campaign in Holland as being successful, since "reader reaction has been overwhelmingly favorable." In the nature of an experiment, the campaign sponsored by Dutch firms and industries at a cost of over \$40,000, will continue for several more months. More than 300 business concerns have helped place the ads which combine both scripture slogans and drawings. They urge exercise of religious principles of conduct toward others, rather than personal salvation.

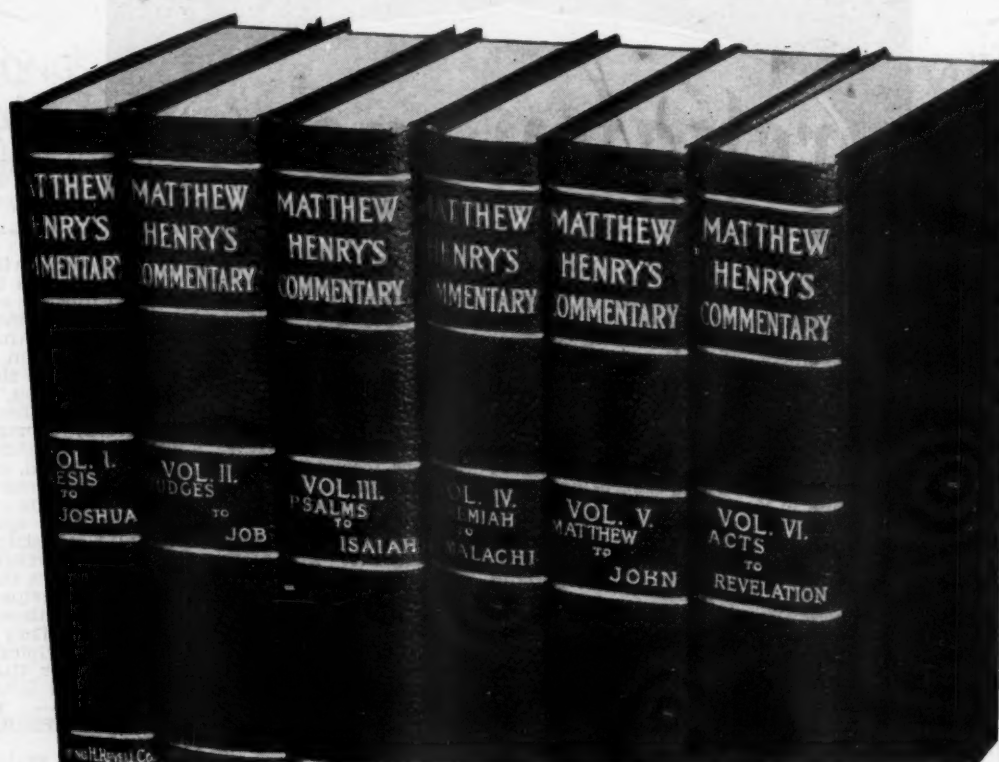
SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS RELIGIOUS SCRUPLES

(EP) The United States Supreme Court has ruled that witnesses with religious scruples against oath-taking do not need to make more than a simple affirmation that they will tell the truth. This ruling reversed the conviction of Perry Bowen Moore, of Sullivan, Illinois, who received a two-year sentence on charges of draft evasion, and ordered that he receive a new trial. Moore had claimed religious objections to military service.

The opinion, which was unanimous, held that Federal Judge William Campbell, of Chicago, erred in refusing to let Moore take the stand in his own defense, as well as other defense witnesses who refused to swear the usual oath or to "solemnly affirm" that they would tell the truth.

"There is no requirement," the high court said, "that the word 'solemnly' be used in the affirmation, and the judgment of conviction is therefore reversed and the case is remanded for a new trial."

The high court did not hold the usual oral argument, but made its decision immediately on the basis of the brief filed by Moore's attorneys. No reference was made by the court to other issues raised in the brief. Moore is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, commonly known as Harshmanites, which maintains a religious community at Sullivan. He and witnesses who desired to appear for him at his trial in October, 1953, cited their religious beliefs in refusing to take the oath or make a "solemn" affirmation as demanded by Judge Campbell.



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